

The 100% Unofficial
Quick Guide
to the Eurovision Song Contest 2026

for
Commentators, Broadcasters, Media, and Fans

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2026 Host City: Vienna, Austria

First inhabited by the Romans around the year 97 CE, and now the capital and largest city in Austria, Vienna has grown from a modest monastic settlement to the seat of the house of Babenburg to the grand, stately capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire to a modern metropolis on the Danube.

Musicians like Mozart, Beethoven, Mahler and Strauss studied and found success here, artists like Klimt, Schiele, and Kokoschka broke new ground in the world of art, and academics like Freud, Wittgenstein, and Schrödinger pondered the human condition and the natural world.

The Global Livability Index, published by the Economist Intelligence Unit, consistently ranks Vienna as one of the world's top most liveable cities in the world, balancing stability, culture, environment, education, infrastructure, and healthcare. Home to approximately 2.2 million people, Vienna may no longer be under the thumb of Habsburg imperial rule, but it still embraces the tradition of its sumptuous past. Visitors can experience that living history all over the city, whether it's waltzing at a charity ball, strolling the grounds of the Schönbrunn Palace, or enjoying an *Einspänner* (coffee served with whipped cream) and a slice of *Sachertorte* in a coffeehouse that's been open since the 19th century.

2026 Venue: Wiener Stadthalle

Eurovision returns to the Wiener Stadthalle after eleven years, as the arena was the host of the Contest's 2015 edition. The largest indoor arena in the country, the Stadthalle can accommodate up to 16,000 spectators (although the 2015 event accommodated about 10,500 ticketholders per show). Located just to the west of the city's central core in the Rudolfsheim-Fünfhaus district, the venue is easily accessible by public transportation and is surrounded by restaurants, lodging options, and residential areas.

Opened in 1957 and expanded multiple times since then, the complex includes a series of halls that includes the indoor arena, as well as gymnasiums, an ice rink, swim center, and a smaller auditorium.

Beyond Eurovision 2015, the Stadthalle has also welcomed some of the world's biggest musical acts. The Rolling Stones, The Who, Queen, ABBA, David Bowie, Bob Dylan, Elton John, Duran Duran, Tina Turner, Prince, George Michael, Depeche Mode, Metallica, The Spice Girls, Janet Jackson, Bruce Springsteen, Oasis, Shakira, Britney Spears, Cher, Beyoncé, Celine Dion, and Lady Gaga have all performed there over the decades.

Your 2026 Hosts



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Victoria Swarovski

A singer, model, entrepreneur, and television presenter, Innsbruck-born Victoria Swarovski first started releasing music in her teenage years, and has since established herself as a well-known face on Austrian television. Since 2018, she's been the co-host of *Let's Dance*, a show she herself won back in 2016. She's also a scion of the Swarovski family, owners of the famed crystal and glass company of the same name.

Michael Ostrowski

Hailing from the region of Styria, Michael Ostrowski is a well-established actor, screenwriter, and director. He's also dabbled in presenting, having hosted the *Amadeus Music Awards*, *100 Years of Radio*, and even the *Protestsongcontest*, an annual music festival with an emphasis on songs with sociopolitical messages.

Emily Busvine

Hosting the Green Room (which will be styled like a cozy Viennese coffeehouse) will be Vienna native Emily Busvine, who works as a presenter at Radio FM4, where she co-hosts the station's morning show. A graduate of Cambridge University in the UK and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Emily also provided English-language commentary for this year's Austrian National Final.

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Alis
Title (Albanian)	Nân
Title (English)	<i>Mother</i>
Language	Albanian
Composers	Music: Alis Kallaçi / Lyrics: Desara Gjini
Artist Profile	The winner of the fifth season of <i>X Factor</i> in his home country, Shkodër-born Alis Kallaçi came in third place in <i>Festival i Këngës</i> last year.
Song Description	This powerful ballad tells the story of a mother's love for their child, despite being separated from them. It's ambiguous if the separation is due to emigration, death, or some other disconnect, but the emotion is palpable.
Selection Process	<i>Festival i Këngës</i> , which took place just before Christmas, has become one of the Eurovision community's favourite holiday traditions. This year, the 64th running of the event, two fourteen-song semifinals (plus a night of nostalgic covers) led to a 23-song grand final. The winner was selected by a jury vote and public televote from audiences in Albania and Kosovo.
Date Selected	20 December 2025

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2004
Years Competed	2004 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	23
Best Position	5 th (2012)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Shkodra Elektronike, <i>Zjerm</i>
Finishing Position	8th place in the Grand Final, 218 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Simón
Title	<i>Paloma Rumba</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music: Lilit Navasardyan / Lyrics: Rosa Linn, David Tserunyan, Eva Voskanyan

Artist Profile	Simon Hovhannisyan, from the town of Hrazdan, was the runner-up in last year's national final, <i>Depi Evratesil</i> , winning top marks from the international and domestic juries with the song <i>Ay Paparey Bye</i> .
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Song Description	Have you ever been so worn down by the day-to-day job that you just wanted to smash your laptop, flip your desk, and walk out the front door? Imagine that, only through the medium of high-energy, almost Bollywood-inspired dance.
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Selection Process	Armenian broadcaster AMPTV opted for an internal selection this year, and was the last nation to reveal their act.
Date Artist Announced and Song Released	11 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2006
Years Competed	2006 – 2012, 2013-2020, 2022-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	19
Best Position	4 th (2014)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Parg, <i>Survivor</i>
Finishing Position	20th place in the Grand Final, 72 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Delta Goodrem
Title	<i>Eclipse</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Delta Goodrem, Michael Fatkin, Jonas Myrin, Ferras Alqaisi

Artist Profile	A massive star in her homeland, Delta Goodrem's been making waves in the Australian music scene since 2003, when her debut album topped the charts for nearly 30 weeks. Since then, she's released seven studio albums, been a regular on the soap opera <i>Neighbors</i> , and served as a coach on <i>The Voice</i> for eight seasons. She also co-wrote <i>My Girls</i> , the debut entry for Australia at Junior Eurovision back in 2015.
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Song Description	<i>Eclipse</i> is a classic love story, told through the symbolism of celestial activity. This orchestral pop song seems tailor-made for Eurovision, with tempo and key changes, an impressive instrumental bridge, and Delta's soaring vocals.
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Selection Process	Like last year, Australian broadcaster SBS opted for an internal selection.
Date Artist Announced and Song Released	1 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2015
Years Competed	2015 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	12
Best Position	2 nd (2016)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Go-Jo, <i>Milkshake Man</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 11th place in the Semifinal, 41 points

Austria

Defending Champion, Automatic Qualifier, Song 25 in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Cosmó
Title (German)	Tanzschein
Title (English)	Dancing License
Language	German
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Ella Stern, Elias Stejskal, Benjamin Gedeon

Artist Profile	Benjamin Gedeon, better known to the Eurovision world as Cosmó, was born in Hungary, but moved to Austria at a young age. He was a finalist on <i>The Voice Kids</i> in Germany in 2022, and has been performing in concerts and festivals in the region since then.
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Song Description	A thumping synth-pop number with lyrics that seem like David Attenborough took a hit of acid, <i>Tanzschein</i> looks at a night at the club as if it were a wildlife documentary.
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Selection Process	For the first time since 2016, broadcaster ORF opted to hold a National Final. <i>Vienna Calling – Wer singt für Österreich?</i> saw twelve acts compete, with the winner being selected through a public televote and a jury panel.
Date Selected	20 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1957
Years Competed	1957-1968, 1971-1972, 1976-1997, 1999-2000, 2002-2005, 2007, 2011 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	59
Best Position	1 st (1966, 2014, 2025)
Host Venue	Vienna 1967, Vienna 2015, Vienna 2026

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	JJ, <i>Wasted Love</i>
Finishing Position	1st place in the Grand Final, 436 points

Azerbaijan

Semifinal 2, Song 2

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Jiva
Title	<i>Just Go</i>
Language	English, Azerbaijani
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Fuad Javadov

Artist Profile	Born in Moscow, Jamila Hashimova has been performing since 2003, including appearances at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland. In 2011, she took part in Azerbaijan's National Selection process and won <i>Səs Azərbaycan (The Voice of Azerbaijan)</i> in 2025.
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Song Description	A straightforward ballad about finding the strength to end a bad relationship, <i>Just Go</i> introduces subtle touches of traditional Azerbaijani instrumentation into the song's arrangement.
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Selection Process	Azeri broadcaster İTV opted for an internal selection for the 2026 Contest.
Date Artist Announced	6 March
Date Song Released	9 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2008
Years Competed	2008 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	19
Best Position	1 st (2011)
Host Venue	Baku 2012

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Mamagama, <i>Run With U</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 15th place in the Semifinal, 7 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Essyla
Title	<i>Dancing on the Ice</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music: Alice Van Eesbeeck, Nicolas d'Avell, Emil Stengele / Lyrics: Alice Van Eesbeeck, Barbara Petitjean

Artist Profile	A runner-up on <i>The Voice Belgique</i> in 2020, Essyla (a play on her birth name, Alice Van Eesbeeck) participated in Eurovision Choir in 2019 as a member of the ensemble Almakalia. She released her debut single and EP in 2023.
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Song Description	Uptempo, yet slightly spooky, <i>Dancing on the Ice</i> carries a message of independence, resilience, and embracing joy in the face of adversity and uncertainty.
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Selection Process	Broadcaster RTBF, which represents the French-speaking community of Belgium, opted for an internal selection this year.
Date Artist Announced and Song Released	19 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1993, 1995-1996, 1998-2000, 2000 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	68
Best Position	1 st (1986)
Host Venue	Brussels 1987

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Red Sebastian, <i>Strobe Lights</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 14th place in the Semifinal, 23 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Dara
Title	<i>Bangaranga</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Anne Judith Wik, Cristian Tarcea, Dara, Dimitris Kontopoulos

Artist Profile	Born Darina Yotova, Dara was a finalist on <i>The X Factor</i> in 2015, finishing just behind fellow Eurovision alum Kristian Kostov. Since then, she's released two studio albums, a bevy of hits on the local charts, and been a mentor on <i>The Voice of Bulgaria</i> .
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Song Description	Blending high-energy pop and Bulgarian motifs, <i>Bangaranga</i> embraces a sense of riotous joy, often channeling the imagery of the <i>kukeri</i> , a Bulgarian tradition where men dressed head to toe in fur and elaborate masks scare away evil spirits and invoke good health, a good harvest, and success to all they meet.
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Selection Process	With Bulgaria's return to Eurovision after a three-year absence, broadcaster BNT invited fifteen of the nation's top most played artists to perform covers. Of those, eight proceeded to a second cover night, where the artist was selected by a public and jury vote. One month later, winner Dara performed three songs that had been written for her, with the selection made once again by a public and jury vote.
Date Artist Selected	31 January
Date Song Selected	28 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2005
Years Competed	2005-2013, 2016-2018, 2020-2022, 2026
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	16
Best Position	2 nd (2017)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	<i>n/a - Did not Participate</i>
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Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Lelek
Title	<i>Andromeda</i>
Language	Croatian
Composers	Music: Filip Lacković, Lazar Pajić, Zorica Pajić / Lyrics: Tomislav Roso

Artist Profile	A five-part vocal ensemble from Zagreb (Judita Štorga, Klaudija Pulek, Korina Olivia, Lara Brtan, and Marina Ramljak), the group were finalists in last year's National Final.
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Song Description	This deeply evocative song hearkens back to the days of the Ottoman empire, when ethnic Croats often faced persecution, forced conversion, or childhood abduction. The graphical motifs present in the music video and other promotional material are reminiscent of <i>sicanje</i> , tattoo patterns traditionally worn by Croat women in what is now Bosnia and Herzegovina.
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Selection Process	Croatian broadcaster HRT used its classic national final, <i>Dora</i> , to select its entrant. Two twelve-song semifinals were held, with sixteen songs proceeding to a Grand Final. The winner was selected through a public vote and a jury comprising both domestic and international members.
Date Selected	15 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1993
Years Competed	1993-2013, 2015 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	32
Best Position	4 th (1996, 1999)
Host Venue	Zagreb 1990 (as Yugoslavia)

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Marko Bošnjak, <i>Poison Cake</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 12th place in the Semifinal, 28 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Antigoni
Title (Greek)	Jalla
Title (English)	More
Language	English, Cypriot Greek
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Antigoni Buxton, Charalambous Kallona, Connor Mullally-Knight, Demetris Nikolaou, Klejdi Lupa, Paris Kalpos, Trey Qua
Artist Profile	Born in London to a Cypriot family, Antigoni Buxton appeared on <i>Love Island</i> in 2022, has opened for Eleni Foureira and was a backing vocalist on Marina Satti's tour.
Song Description	As bright and breezy as a beach in Paphos, <i>Jalla</i> is an invitation to get up and dance your worries away.
Selection Process	Broadcaster CyBC once again opted for an internal selection for this year's singer and song.
Date Artist Announced	6 November 2025
Date Song Released	8 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1981
Years Competed	1981-1987, 1989-2000, 2002-2013, 2015-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	44
Best Position	2 nd (2018)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Theo Evan, <i>Shh</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 11th place in the Semifinal, 44 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Daniel Žižka
Title	Crossroads
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Daniel Žižka, Viliam Béreš

Artist Profile	A relative newcomer to the music scene, Daniel has released a few singles, and his debut EP is scheduled for release later this year. He's also appeared in a number of Czech TV productions.
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Song Description	Quiet and introspective, yet building to a dramatic climax, <i>Crossroads</i> reflects on a person's lifelong search for self-actualisation while trying to move forward in a society that seems to be increasingly isolated.
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Selection Process	Like last year, broadcaster ČT opted for an internal selection for 2026.
Date Artist Announced	8 March
Date Song Released	11 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007-2009, 2015-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	15
Best Position	6 th (2018)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	ADONXS, <i>Kiss Kiss Goodbye</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 12th place in the Semifinal, 29 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Søren Torpegaard Lund
Title (Danish)	<i>Før vi går hjem</i>
Title (English)	<i>Before We Go Home</i>
Language	Danish
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Clara Sofie Fabricius, Søren Torpegaard Lund, Thomas Meilstrup, Valdemar Littauer Bendixen

Artist Profile	Hailing from the island of Funen in southern Denmark, Søren Torpegaard Lund is a graduate of the Danish Stage Arts School, and has performed in productions of <i>West Side Story</i> , <i>Dance of the Vampires</i> , and <i>Kinky Boots</i> . He took part in the Danish National Final in 2023, and released his debut EP in 2024.
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Song Description	This thumping dance anthem encapsulates the delirium of finding someone in the haze of a club who is probably so wrong for you, but so very much what you need right now.
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Selection Process	<i>Dansk Melodi Grand Prix 2026</i> brought eight songs together in a National Final, with three songs progressing to a Superfinal. The winner was determined via a public vote as well as the votes of a jury.
Date Selected	14 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1957
Years Competed	1957-1966, 1968-1993, 1995, 1997, 1999-2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	55
Best Position	1 st (1963, 2000, 2013)
Host Venue	Copenhagen 1964, Copenhagen 2001, Copenhagen 2014

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Sissal, <i>Hallucination</i>
Finishing Position	23rd place in the Grand Final, 47 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Vanilla Ninja
Title	<i>Too Epic to Be True</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Sven Lõhmus

Artist Profile	Originally formed in 2002, pop-rockers Vanilla Ninja (Lenna Kuurmaa, Piret Järvis, and Kerli Kivilaan) are immensely popular in their home country, with five albums and a line of ice cream treats to their name. Their success in the German-speaking market led them to represent Switzerland at Eurovision 2005, coming in eighth place with <i>Cool Vibes</i> .
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Song Description	Rocking out with the confidence of a band who've been performing together for over twenty years, <i>Too Epic to Be True</i> could feasibly be about a love affair, but one could argue that it could be about the trajectory of the band itself.
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Selection Process	<i>Eesti Laul</i> this year was a one-night event, with twelve entries winnowed down to a three-song Superfinal via a jury and public vote. Those top three were then voted on again, solely by the public, to determine the winner.
Date Selected	14 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994, 1996 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	32
Best Position	1 st (2001)
Host Venue	Tallinn 2002

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Tommy Cash, <i>Espresso Macchiato</i>
Finishing Position	3rd place in the Grand Final, 356 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Linda Lampenius and Pete Parkkonen
Title (Finnish)	<i>Liekinheitin</i>
Title (English)	<i>Flamethrower</i>
Language	Finnish
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Linda Lampenius, Pete Parkkonen, Vilma Alina Lähteenmäki, Lauri Halavaara, Antti Riihimäki

Artist Profile	Pete Parkkonen was the winner of the fourth series of Finland's <i>Idol</i> back in 2009 and has been commercially successful since then. Violinist Linda Lampenius has been playing the violin since the age of five, and took to the stage for the first time at seven. Since then, she's been applying her skills to pop, folk, classical, and rock music around the world throughout a nearly five-decade career.
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Song Description	Blending Pete's emotional vocals and Linda's virtuoso violin skills, <i>Liekinheitin</i> follows a man's descent into lust and madness over a woman who's absolutely irresistible, but will leave a man scorched and anguished.
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Selection Process	Finland's national final <i>Uuden Musiikin Kilpailu</i> returned, with six songs vying for the ticket to Switzerland. The winner was selected through an international jury and public vote.
Date Selected	28 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1961
Years Competed	1961-1969, 1971-1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	60
Best Position	1 st (2006)
Host Venue	Helsinki 2007

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Erika Vikman, <i>Ich Komme</i>
Finishing Position	11th place in the Grand Final, 196 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Monroe
Title (French)	Regarde !
Title (English)	Look!
Language	French
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Christopher Cohen, Fredie Marche, Maxime Morise, Fred Savio

Artist Profile	This year's youngest singer at only seventeen years old, Utah-born Monroe Rigby found success in her mother's homeland, winning the eleventh series of the talent show <i>Prodiges</i> , which focuses on young performers of classical music and dance. She released her first album last year.
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Song Description	Theatrical and operatic, <i>Regarde !</i> carries the simple, timeless message that the universal force that unites us all is love.
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Selection Process	French broadcaster France Télévisions opted for an internal selection this year.
Date Artist Announced and Song Released	6 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1973, 1975-1981, 1983 - present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	69
Best Position	1 st (1958, 1960, 1962, 1969, 1977)
Host Venue	Cannes 1959, Cannes 1961, Paris 1978

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Louane, <i>Maman</i>
Finishing Position	7th place in the Grand Final, 230 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Bzikebi
Title	<i>On Replay</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music: Giga Kukhianidze / Lyrics: Lizi "Lizi Pop" Japaridze

Artist Profile	Bzikebi (which means "wasps"), made up of Giorgi Shiolashvili, Mariam Kikuashvili, and Mariam Tatulashvili, were the winners of the 2008 Junior Eurovision Song Contest with the song "Bzz...". They've grown up a lot since then, as they'll all be 28 by the time they take to the stage in Vienna. They'll be the fourth JESC champions to make it to Eurovision, following the Tolmachevy Twins, Destiny Chukunyere, and Iru Khechanovi.
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Song Description	As buzzy and frenetic as their namesake hive, Bzikebi's <i>On Replay</i> invites the listener to just let go of their inhibitions and enjoy the shared energy of music and dance.
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Selection Process	Georgian broadcaster GPB opted for an internal selection for this year's song and artist.
Date Artist Announced	14 January
Date Song Released	11 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007-2008, 2010-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	19
Best Position	9 th (2010, 2011)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Mariam Shengelia, <i>Freedom</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 15th place in the Semifinal, 28 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Sarah Engels
Title	Fire
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Sarah Engels, Dario Schürmann, Luisa Heinemann, Raphael Lott, Valentin Boes
Artist Profile	Runner-up on the 2011 series of <i>Deutschland sucht den Superstar</i> (Germany's version of <i>Idol</i>), she's released four solo albums onto the German-speaking market since then. She's also been a mainstay on other reality TV shows, such as <i>Let's Dance</i> , <i>The Masked Singer</i> , <i>Celebrity Bake-Off</i> , and <i>Ninja Warrior Germany</i> .
Song Description	Not only is Sarah Engels brushing off the vestiges of a bad relationship, she's burning down the bridges that are connecting her to him, while embracing the fire she carries within.
Selection Process	Germany's national final, <i>Eurovision Song Contest – Das deutsche Finale 2026</i> , saw nine acts competing for three spots in a superfinal. The top three were selected by an international jury, and the eventual winner was determined by a public vote.
Date Selected	28 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1995, 1997-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	70
Best Position	1 st (1982, 2010)
Host Venue	Frankfurt am Main 1957, Munich 1983, Düsseldorf 2011

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Abor & Tynna, <i>Baller</i>
Finishing Position	15th place in the Grand Final, 151 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Akylas
Title (Greek)	Ferto
Title (English)	<i>Bring It</i>
Language	Greek, some phrases in Spanish, French, and English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Akylas Mytilinaios, Orpheus Nonis, Theofilos Pouzbouris, Thomas Papathanasis

Artist Profile	A former cruise ship singer and cook who started making ukulele covers on TikTok, Akylas started releasing independent singles in 2021.
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Song Description	On the surface, <i>Ferto</i> sounds like a frenetic ode to excess and maximalism, but at its heart (and in its bridge) it's a heartfelt pledge to the singer's mother that he'll give her everything that they never had while he was growing up.
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Selection Process	Greek broadcaster ERT opted for a National Final to select their entrant. <i>Sing For Greece 2026</i> brought together twenty-eight acts, with fourteen progressing to a Final. The winner was selected by a Greek jury, an international jury, and a public vote.
Date Selected	15 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1974
Years Competed	1974, 1976-1981, 1983, 1985, 1987-1998, 2001-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	47
Best Position	1 st (2005)
Host Venue	Athens 2006

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Klavdia, <i>Asteromata</i>
Finishing Position	6th place in the Grand Final, 231 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Noam Bettan
Title	Michelle
Language	French, Hebrew, English
Composers	Music: Nadav Aharoni, Tzlil Klifi / Lyrics: Nadav Aharoni, Tzlil Klifi, Noam Bettan, Yuval Raphael
Artist Profile	Born in Israel to French parents, Noam was the second runner-up on the TV program <i>Aviv or Eyal</i> in 2018, and started releasing singles from 2021.
Song Description	In the trilingual <i>Michelle</i> , Noam Bettan's picking up the pieces of a broken relationship and moving forward with his life, leaving his "queen of problems" behind him.
Selection Process	Israel's entrant for Eurovision was determined through the show <i>HaKokhav HaBa</i> , with their song to be written for the winner and revealed at a later point.
Date Artist Selected	20 January
Date Song Released	5 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1973
Years Competed	1973-1979, 1981-1983, 1985-1993, 1995-1996, 1998-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	49
Best Position	1 st (1978, 1979, 1998, 2018)
Host Venue	Jerusalem 1979, Jerusalem 1999, Tel Aviv 2019

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Yuval Raphael, <i>New Day Will Rise</i>
Finishing Position	2nd place in the Grand Final, 357 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Sal Da Vinci
Title (Italian)	<i>Per sempre sì</i>
Title (English)	<i>Forever Yes</i>
Language	Italian, including Neapolitan Italian
Composers	Music: Sal Da Vinci, Federico Mercuri, Giordano Cremona, Eugenio Maimone, Alessandro La Cava, Federica Abbate / Lyrics: Francesco Sorrentino, Alessandro La Cava, Federica Abbate

Artist Profile	A veteran of the Italian (and specifically Neapolitan) pop music scene, Sal started releasing music and appearing in films alongside his father, Mario Da Vinci, from the age of six. In the fifty years since then, he's released ten solo albums and achieved two podium placements at Sanremo.
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Song Description	Destined to be a mainstay at Italian weddings from now on, <i>Per sempre sì</i> is not only a celebration of two people walking down the aisle, but of the events that led up to that day, and all of the moments that the happy couple will face together in the future.
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Selection Process	Sal Da Vinci, as the winner of the <i>Sanremo Music Festival</i> (the contest on which the Eurovision Song Contest is based) was offered the right of first refusal to represent Italy in Vienna.
Date Selected and Confirmed	28 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1980, 1983-1985, 1987-1993, 1997, 2011-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	53
Best Position	1 st (1964, 1990, 2021)
Host Venue	Naples 1965, Rome 1991, Torino 2022

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Lucio Corsi, <i>Volevo essere un duro</i>
Finishing Position	5th place in the Grand Final, 256 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Atvara
Title (Latvian)	Ēnā
Title (English)	In the Shade
Language	Latvian
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Liene Stūrmane, Jānis Jačmenkins
Artist Profile	After completing her education and working outside of the music industry, Atvara (real name: Liene Stūrmane) released her first solo single, <i>Pie manis tveries</i> , in 2024. Since then, she's gone on a successful domestic tour and released her debut album last year.
Song Description	This deeply emotional ballad looks at the experience of a child living in the shadow of an abusive, alcoholic father, and how her light is at risk of dimming.
Selection Process	Latvia's popular <i>Supernova</i> national final started with two twelve-song Semifinals, which were winnowed down to a ten-song Final. The winner was selected by a public vote and a professional jury.
Date Selected	14 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2000
Years Competed	2000-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	27
Best Position	1 st (2002)
Host Venue	Riga 2003

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Tautumeitas, <i>Bur man laimi</i>
Finishing Position	13th place in the Grand Final, 158 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Lion Ceccah
Title (Spanish)	<i>Sólo quiero más</i>
Title (English)	<i>I Just Want More</i>
Language	Lithuanian, English, with phrases in Spanish, French, German, and Italian
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Tomas Alenčikas, Aurimas Galvelis

Artist Profile	Singer, songwriter, stage performer, and drag artist Lion Ceccah (real name: Tomas Alenčikas, and formerly known as Alen Chicco) appeared on the <i>X Factor</i> in 2017. He also previously attempted to represent Lithuania at Eurovision at 2019, 2020, 2023, and 2025.
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Song Description	This dramatic piece of art-pop explores themes of self-discovery, resilience, and consumption. When you add on the striking imagery of Lion as a silver-plated automaton, it touches on the simple, yet unanswerable question: what makes us human?
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Selection Process	National Final <i>Eurovizija.LT</i> consisted of five eight-song semifinals, with two songs from each progressing to the Grand Final, plus one Wildcard qualifier. From those eleven songs, following a jury and televote, the winner was determined through a jury and public vote..
Date Selected	27 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994, 1999, 2001-2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	27
Best Position	6 th (2006)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Katarsis, <i>Tavo akys</i>
Finishing Position	16th place in the Grand Final, 96 points

Luxembourg

Semifinal 2, Song 4

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Eva Marija
Title	<i>Mother Nature</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Eva Marija Kavaš Puc, Julie Aagaard, Maria Broberg, Thomas Stengaard /

Artist Profile	Born and raised in Luxembourg to Slovenian parents, Eva Marija (full name Eva Marija Kavaš Puc) is a graduate of the Conservatoire de Luxembourg, where she studied voice, violin, and other musical pursuits. She's currently enrolled at the Institute of Contemporary Music Performance in London.
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Song Description	This light and lilting pop song, featuring a lovely violin bridge, calls us all to return to nature for comfort and solace when life becomes overwhelming.
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Selection Process	<i>Luxembourg Song Contest 2026</i> brought together eight acts, with three progressing to a Superfinal. The winner was selected by an international jury and a public televote.
Date Selected	24 January

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1958, 1960-1993, 2024-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	40
Best Position	1 st (1961, 1965, 1972, 1973, 1983))
Host Venue	Luxembourg 1962, 1966, 1973, 1984

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Laura Thorn, <i>La poupée monte le son</i>
Finishing Position	22nd place in the Grand Final, 47 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Aidan
Title	Bella
Language	English, Maltese
Composers	Music: Aidan Cassar, Joep Van Den Boom, Sarah Bonnici / Lyrics: Aidan Cassar

Artist Profile	One of Malta's most popular singers, Aidan Cassar has been dreaming of representing his country internationally since auditioning for Junior Eurovision in 2015. Since then, he's released two independent albums and a dozen #1 singles on the Maltese airplay charts,
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Song Description	The first song to feature lyrics in Maltese at Eurovision since 2000, <i>Bella</i> is a dramatic ballad highlighting heartbreak and longing for a long-lost love.
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Selection Process	A total of eighteen songs were selected for <i>Malta Eurovision Song Contest 2026</i> , and the number was narrowed down to twelve after a semifinal. The winner was selected by a public televote and a ten-member panel made up of Maltese and international jurors.
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Date Selected	17 January
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Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1971
Years Competed	1971-1972, 1974-1976, 1990-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	39
Best Position	2 nd (2002, 2005)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Miriana Conte, <i>Serving</i>
Finishing Position	17th place in the Grand Final, 91 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Satoshi
Title	<i>Viva, Moldova!</i>
Language	Romanian, with phrases in English, Spanish, French, Hawaiian, Italian, and Latin
Composers	Music: Andrei Vulpe, Cătălin Temciuc, Vasile Advahov, Vlad "Satoshi" Sabajuc / Lyrics: Vlad "Satoshi" Sabajuc

Artist Profile	Singer, songwriter, and rapper Vlad Sabajuc started releasing music under the name Satoshi in 2019 and quickly became one of Moldova's most popular artists. So far, he's released four full-length albums and has toured heavily around the region.
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Song Description	Blending phrases from seven languages, <i>Viva, Moldova!</i> welcomes Eurovision fans from all over the world to drink, dine, and dance.
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Selection Process	Sixteen songs were in the running for <i>Finala națională 2026</i> , with the winner selected by a public vote alongside those of a Moldovan jury and an international jury.
Date Selected	17 January

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2005
Years Competed	2005-2024, 2026
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	21
Best Position	3 rd (2017)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	<i>n/a - Did not Participate</i>
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Montenegro

Semifinal 1, Song 8

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Tamara Živković
Title (Montenegrin)	<i>Nova Zora (Нова зора)</i>
Title (English)	<i>New Dawn</i>
Language	Montenegrin, one line in English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Boris Subotić

Artist Profile	An alumna of the youth talent show <i>Pinkove Zvezdice</i> , as well as a finalist on the singing competition <i>Zvezde Granda</i> , Kotor-native Tamara is currently studying at the University of Music Arts in Belgrade.
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Song Description	High energy with a driving beat, <i>Nova zora</i> tells women that they have the power to trust their instincts, say "enough is enough" to toxic circumstances, and forge their own futures.
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Selection Process	Fifteen entries took part in <i>Montesong 2025</i> , with the winner selected by a public vote (which accepted votes from international viewers) and a five-member international jury.
Date Selected	21 December 2025

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007-2009, 2012-2019, 2022, 2025-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	14
Best Position	13 th (2015)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Nina Žižić, <i>Dobrodošli</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 16th place in the Semifinal, 12 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Jonas Lovv
Title	Ya Ya Ya
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Jonas Lovv, Sondre Skaftun

Artist Profile	A semifinalist on the tenth series of <i>The Voice – Norges beste stemme</i> in 2025, Jonas Lovv Hellesøy is the former lead vocalist of the synthpop group Shuffle Baby, but has been releasing solo singles since 2020.
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Song Description	Cheeky and brash, with more than a little soupçon of sleaze, Ya Ya Ya features soaring glam-rock vocals that match Jonas's magnetic frontman energy.
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Selection Process	Nine songs competed in a one-night National Final, <i>Melodi Grand Prix 2026</i> , with a winner being selected by an international jury and a public televote.
Date Selected	28 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1960
Years Competed	1960-1969, 1971-2001, 2003-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	65
Best Position	1 st (1985, 1995, 2009)
Host Venue	Bergen 1986, Oslo 1996, Bærum 2010

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Kyle Alessandro, <i>Lighter</i>
Finishing Position	18th place in the Grand Final, 89 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Alicja
Title	Pray
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Alicja Szemplińska, Sinclair Alan Malcolm, Weronika Gabryelczyk

Artist Profile	Six years after getting her Eurovision dreams delayed following the cancellation of the 2020 event, Alicja Szemplińska finally gets her chance to perform for Poland. Following her 2019 win on <i>The Voice of Poland</i> , Alicja won the 2020 national final, <i>Szansa na sukces</i> , with her song <i>Empires</i> . She released her debut album in 2024.
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Song Description	Starting out as a plea to a higher power to find the strength to move forward through times of adversity, <i>Pray</i> shifts into a second gear and becomes an uplifting, R'n'B-kissed anthem of self reliance.
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Selection Process	Poland held its eight-song national final, <i>Finał krajowych kwalifikacji</i> , at the TVP studios in Warsaw. The winner was selected entirely by a public vote from the broadcaster's app, as well as SMS.
Date Selected	7-8 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994-1999, 2001, 2003-2011, 2014-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	29
Best Position	2 nd (1994)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Justyna Steczkowska, <i>Gaja</i>
Finishing Position	14th place in the Grand Final, 156 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Bandidos do Cante
Title (Portuguese)	Rosa
Title (English)	Rose
Language	Portuguese
Composers	Music: Duarte Farias, Francisco Raposo, Francisco Pestana, Luís Aleixo, Miguel Costa / Lyrics: Bluay, Duarte Farias, Francisco Raposo, Francisco Pestana, Gonçalo Narciso, Gui Alface, Kasha, Luís Aleixo, Miguel Costa

Artist Profile	Bandidos do Cante (Duarte Farias, Francisco Raposo, Francisco Pestana, Luís Aleixo, and Miguel Costa) have been singing together since their teenage years. They had their initial breakthrough after featuring on the hit song Casa by D.A.M.A. and Buba Espinho in 2022, and started recording their own music two years later.
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Song Description	Blending the traditional sounds of the Alentejo region with contemporary pop, Rosa is full of lovely five-part harmonies and plenty of <i>saudade</i> , the longing, wistful, brokenhearted nostalgia that is so prevalent in Portuguese music.
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Selection Process	Two eight-song semifinals led to a ten-song Final, with the winner being selected by a public televote as well as a series of domestic regional jury votes.
Date Selected	7 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1964
Years Competed	1964-1969, 1971-1999, 2001, 2003-2012, 2014-2015, 2016-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	58
Best Position	1 st (2017)
Host Venue	Lisbon 2018

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Napa, <i>Deslocado</i>
Finishing Position	21st place in the Grand Final, 50 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Alexandra Căpitănescu
Title	Choke Me
Language	English
Composers	Music: Alexandra Căpitănescu, Călin Grăjdan, Majii, Ștefan Condrea / Lyrics: Alexandra Căpitănescu, Majii

Artist Profile	The winner of the 2023 series of <i>Vocea României</i> , Alexandra Căpitănescu and her band (Bogdan Stoican, Luca Șofron, Matei Cohal, and Thomas Cîrcotă) have been touring across the region ever since. She's also stepped in as the lead singer of the folk-metal band E-an-na, all while pursuing her master's degree in medical physics.
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Song Description	While on the surface, Romania's song this year could be seen as Alexandra's request for a partner to literally asphyxiate her (a potentially dangerous practice that has been called out as violent by critics), but the singer has explained that <i>Choke Me</i> has more to do with the suffocating feelings of anxiety, self-doubt, and other forms of pressure.
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Selection Process	Following a 67-song semifinal and an online wildcard, a twelve-song Final was held, with the winner selected exclusively through a jury vote.
Date Selected	4 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994, 1998, 2000, 2002-2015, 2017-2023, 2026
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	25
Best Position	3 rd (2005, 2010)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	<i>n/a - Did not Participate</i>
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San Marino

Semifinal 1, Song 13

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Senhit
Title	<i>Superstar</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Anderz Wrehov, George "Boy George" Alan O'Dowd, John-Emil Johansson, Julie Aagaard, Senhit Zadik Zadik, Thomas Stengaard
Artist Profile	A beloved returnee to the Eurovision stage, Bologna-born Senhit first represented the Most Serene Republic in 2011 with the song <i>Stand By</i>. After the cancellation of Eurovision 2020 (which left her song <i>Freaky!</i> on the cutting room floor of history), she took the stage in Rotterdam in 2021 alongside Flo Rida with <i>Adrenalina</i>. At this time, it appears that she will be joined on stage in Vienna by Boy George, former lead singer of Culture Club.
Song Description	A party song at its heart, <i>Superstar</i> channels the joy of a night out dancing. Forget the pain of your past, overcome your shyness, and embrace your inner diva!
Selection Process	Despite being the smallest nation at Eurovision, <i>San Marino Song Contest 2026</i> had one of the largest national final processes of the year, with over 800 artists applying and 240 auditioning. Of these, 40 progressed to two semifinals for international acts, and one for domestic participants. In total, twenty-one songs participated in the Final, with the winner selected by a jury.
Date Selected	6 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2008
Years Competed	2008, 2011-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	17
Best Position	19 th (2019)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Gabry Ponte, <i>Tutta l'Italia</i>
Finishing Position	26th place in the Grand Final, 27points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Lavina
Title (Serbian)	<i>Kraj mene</i>
Title (English)	<i>Next to me</i>
Language	Serbian
Composers	Music: Andrija Cvetanović, Bojan Ilić, Luka Arandžević, Nikola Petrović, Pavle Samardžić, Pavle Arandžević / Lyrics: Andrija Cvetanović, Bojan Ilić, Ivan Jegdić, Luka Arandžević, Nikola Petrović, Pavle Samardžić, Pavle Arandžević

Artist Profile	Formed in the city of Niš in 2020, progressive-metal band Lavina (which translates to "avalanche") released their debut album two years later, and have since performed at major festivals, such as Hungary's Sziget and Eurosonic in the Netherlands. The members are Luka and Pavle Arandžević, Andrija Cvetanović, Pavle Samardžić, Nikola Petrović, and Bojan Ilić.
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Song Description	We've had songs about broken hearts and lost loves at Eurovision before, but rarely with such a growl. Dark, moody, melancholy, and evocative, <i>Kraj mene</i> will be Lavina's first release in the band's native Serbian, as their previously released work is in English.
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Selection Process	Following two twelve-song Semifinals, the Final of <i>Pesma za Evroviziju '26</i> featured fourteen acts, all competing for the votes of the Serbian public and a professional jury.
Date Selected	28 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007-2013, 2015-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	19
Best Position	1 st (2007)
Host Venue	Belgrade 2008

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Princ, <i>Mila</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 14th place in the Semifinal, 28 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Felicia
Title	<i>My System</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Audun Agnar, Emily Harbakk, FELICIA, Julie Bergan, Theresa Rex

Artist Profile	As the former lead singer of the project Fröken Snusk, Felicia Eriksson took part in Melodifestivalen in 2024 and won <i>the Masked Singer Sweden</i> before going solo in 2025. She usually performs with her face obscured (either by a mask or oversized sunglasses) to help manage her social anxiety.
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Song Description	What better way to get an ex-lover out of your head, your heart, and your body parts than with a three-minute bass-heavy rave track that forces you to dance?
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Selection Process	<i>Melodifestivalen 2026</i> brought together 30 entrants, who were winnowed down to twelve finalists after five semifinals and a final qualification round. The winner was chosen by a public vote as well as the rankings of an international jury.
Date Selected	7 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1958
Years Competed	1958-1963, 1965-1969, 1971-1975, 1977 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	66
Best Position	1 st (1974, 1984, 1991, 1999, 2012, 2015, 2023)
Host Venue	Stockholm 1975, Gothenburg 1985, Malmö 1992, Stockholm 2000, Malmö 2013, Stockholm 2016, Malmö 2024

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	KAJ, <i>Bara bada bastu</i>
Finishing Position	9th place in the Grand Final, 174 points

Switzerland

Semifinal 2, Song 7

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Veronica Fusaro
Title	Alice
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Charlie McClean, Veronica Fusaro

Artist Profile	A native of Thun (near Bern, in the German-speaking part of the country), Veronica took part in the 2014 series of <i>The Voice of Switzerland</i> . Since then, she's received accolades from national radio station SRF 3, released a pair of albums, and performed at major festivals, such as Montreux Jazz and Glastonbury.
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Song Description	A first listen to <i>Alice</i> might just sound like a simple love song, with Veronica pining for the object of her affections to just return the feeling. Under the surface, however, it tells the tale of a woman living under the threat of violence and abuse, and how her loved ones see her retreat into herself and close off, rather than accept help. Notice that the character of Alice doesn't tell her own story...
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Selection Process	Swiss broadcaster SRG SSR opted for an internal selection for this year's entrant and song.
Date Artist Announced	20 January
Date Song Released	11 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1994, 1996-1998, 2000, 2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	67
Best Position	1 st (1956, 1988, 2024)
Host Venue	Lugano 1956, Lausanne 1989, Basel 2025

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Zoë Më, <i>Voyage</i>
Finishing Position	10th place in the Grand Final, 214 points

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Leléka
Title (Ukrainian)	Ridnym
Title (English)	<i>Beloved Ones</i>
Language	English, Ukrainian
Composers	Music: Adama Cefalu, Jakob Hegner, Viktoriia Leleka / Lyrics: Adama Cefalu, Viktoriia Leleka

Artist Profile	Leléka is the eponymous musical project of Viktoriia Leleka, a Ukrainian singer and songwriter now based in Germany. She also has released music under the moniker DONBAEGR, all while earning master's degrees in music composition at the Dresden University of Music Carl Maria von Weber and film composition at the Babelsberg Film University in Potsdam.
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Song Description	Using the imagery of the seasonal life cycles of plants, <i>Ridnym</i> is a song of resilience and hope during times of upheaval and change.
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Selection Process	<i>Vidbir 2026</i> brought together nine entries selected by Ukrainian broadcaster Suspline, plus one additional song chosen through an online wildcard process. The winner was selected through a jury vote as well as a public app and SMS vote.
Date Selected	7 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2014, 2016 - 2018, 2020-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	22
Best Position	1 st (2004, 2016, 2022)
Host Venue	Kyiv 2005, Kyiv 2017

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Ziferblat, <i>Bird of Pray</i>
Finishing Position	9th place in the Grand Final, 218 points

United Kingdom

Big 5, Automatic Finalist

Eurovision Song Contest 2026

Artist	Look Mum No Computer
Title (German)	<i>Eins, Zwei, Drei</i>
Title (English)	<i>One, Two, Three</i>
Language	English, repeated phrase in German
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Julie Aagaard, Sam Battle, Lasse Nymann, Thomas Stengaard

Artist Profile	A musician, YouTuber, electronics engineer, and composer, "Look Mum No Computer" is the alter ego of Sam Battle, who launched his YouTube channel in 2013. Since then, he's created a number of wild flights of fancy, including a synthesizer made of Furbies, an organ made of flamethrowers, and a musical beer helmet. You can see some of his creations in his museum in Kent, England, called "This Museum is (Not) Obsolete".
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Song Description	Possibly the most unconventional song that the UK has ever sent to Eurovision, this synth-pop experiment is all about busting out of the day-to-day drudgery of life and finding your own joy (potentially in another country).
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Selection Process	As is standard for the BBC, the UK's delegation opted for an internal selection for both song and artist this year.
Date Artist Announced	17 February
Date Song Released	6 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1957
Years Competed	1957, 1959 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2026)	69
Best Position	1 st (1967, 1969, 1976, 1981, 1997)
Host Venue	London 1960, London 1963, London 1968, Edinburgh 1972, Brighton 1974, London 1977, Harrogate 1982, Birmingham 1998, Liverpool 2023

Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Remember Monday, <i>What the Hell Just Happened?</i>
Finishing Position	19th place in the Grand Final, 88 points

Eurovision 2026 Facts & Figures:

Who'll be performing:

35 countries in total, two fewer than 2025 following the withdrawal of Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands, Slovenia and Spain, and the return of Bulgaria, Moldova, and Romania.

- Solo Female (15): Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Germany, Latvia, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine
- Solo Male (13): Albania, Armenia, Austria, Czechia, Denmark, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Norway, United Kingdom
- Duos (2): Finland, San Marino*
(* - Currently, Senhit is officially listed as the sole representative of San Marino. However, her song does feature vocals by Boy George, who is expected to be present in Vienna.)
- Groups and Collaborations (5): Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Portugal, Serbia

How they were chosen:

- National Final (23): Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Sweden, Ukraine
- Partial National Final (1): Israel
(Noam Bettan won the 2026 series of HaKokhav HaBa, and his song was written for him after the fact.)
- Internal Selection (10): Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Cyprus, Czechia, France, Georgia, Switzerland, United Kingdom
- Other (1): Italy
(Sal Da Vinci, as winner of the Festival di Sanremo, was offered the right of first refusal to compete in Vienna.)

What language will the song be performed in?

- English Only (16): Armenia, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Romania, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom
- No English (12): Albania, Austria, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Montenegro, Portugal, Serbia,
- Bilingual/Multilingual (7): Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Israel, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Ukraine

How many have had previous involvement with Eurovision or other EBU contests?

- Australia
 - While this will be Delta Goodrem's first time on a Eurovision stage, she co-authored the song *My Girls*, Australia's debut entry at Junior Eurovision in 2015.
- Belgium
 - Essyla was a member of the choir Almakalia, which represented Belgium at Eurovision Choir 2019.
- Estonia
 - Despite being Estonian, Vanilla Ninja represented Switzerland at Eurovision 2005 with the song *Cool Vibes*, coming in eighth place. The band has had a lineup change since then, with Katrin Siska and Triinu Kivilaan leaving, and Kerli Kivilaan (Triinu's sister) joining the group.

- Georgia
 - Trio Bzikebi (Giorgi Shiolashvili, Mariam Kikuashvili, and Mariam Tatulashvili) were the winners of Junior Eurovision 2008 with the song *Bzz...*
- Moldova
 - Backing vocalist Aliona Moon represented Moldova at Eurovision 2013, with the song *O mie*, which came in eleventh place overall. She also served as a backing vocalist for Pasha Parfeni's song *Lăutar* the year before.
- Poland
 - Alicja was Poland's intended representative for Eurovision 2020 with the song *Empires*, but the contest was unfortunately cancelled.
- San Marino
 - Senhit first represented San Marino at Eurovision in 2011 (when she went by the name "Senit") with the song *Stand By*, which failed to qualify out of the Semifinals. She was then selected to sing for the microstate in 2020 with the song *Freaky!*, but the contest was cancelled. She came back the following year with *Adrenalina*, a collaboration with American rapper Flo Rida, which qualified to the Grand Final and ended up in 22nd place.

A Bit of Music Theory!

Country	Artist	Song	Key	Bpm
Albania	Alis	Nân	C	112
Armenia	Simón	Paloma Rumba	A	150
Australia	Delta Goodrem	Eclipse	C	134
Austria	Cosmó	Tanzschein	F	130
Azerbaijan	Jiva	Just Go	C	138
Belgium	Essyla	Dancing on the Ice	D	120
Bulgaria	Dara	Bangaranga	C#/D b	136
Croatia	Lelek	Andromeda	C#/D b	117
Cyprus	Antigoni	Jalla	C#/D b	121
Czechia	Daniel Zizka	Crossroads	E	133
Denmark	Søren Torpegaard Lund	Før vi går hjem	C	128
Estonia	Vanilla Ninja	Too Epic to Be True	A#/B b	168
Finland	Linda Lampenius and Pete Parkkonen	Liekinheitin	C	146
France	Monroe	Regarde !	F	95
Georgia	Bzikebi	On Replay	G#/A b	132
Germany	Sarah Engels	Fire	E	117
Greece	Akylas	Ferto	C#/D b	150
Israel	Noam Bettan	Michelle	D#/E b	174
Italy	Sal Da Vinci	Per Sempre Si	C	123
Latvia	Atvara	Ēnā	A#/B b	133
Lithuania	Lion Ceccah	Sólo quiero más	C#/D b	125
Luxembourg	Eva Marija	Mother Nature	C	114
Malta	Aidan	Bella	F#/G b	81
Moldova	Satoshi	Viva, Moldova!	A	135
Montenegro	Tamara Živković	Nova zora	F	128
Norway	Jonas Lovv	Ya Ya Ya	B	132
Poland	Alicja	Pray	F	125
Portugal	Bandidos do Cante	Rosa	E	80
Romania	Alexandra Căpitănescu	Choke Me	D#/E b	124
San Marino	Senhit (feat. Boy George)	Superstar	C#/D b	129
Serbia	Lavina	Kraj mene	G#/A b	80
Sweden	Felicia	My System	F	145
Switzerland	Veronica Fusaro	Alice	B	166
Ukraine	Leléka	Ridnym	E	120
United Kingdom	Look Mum No Computer	Eins, Zwei, Drei	B	127

(Information sourced from [SongBPM.com](https://songbpm.com))

First Semifinal Running Order

#	Country	Artist	Song
1	Moldova	Satoshi	<i>Viva, Moldova!</i>
2	Sweden	Felicia	<i>My System</i>
3	Croatia	Lelek	<i>Andromeda</i>
4	Greece	Akylas	<i>Ferto</i>
5	Portugal	Bandidos do Cante	<i>Rosa</i>
6	Georgia	Bzikebi	<i>On Replay</i>
-	Italy	Sal Da Vinci	<i>Per Sempre Si</i>
7	Finland	Linda Lampenius & Pete Parkkonen	<i>Liekinheitin</i>
8	Montenegro	Tamara Živković	<i>Nova zora</i>
9	Estonia	Vanilla Ninja	<i>Too Epic to Be True</i>
10	Israel	Noam Bettan	<i>Michelle</i>
-	Germany	Sarah Engels	<i>Fire</i>
11	Belgium	Essyla	<i>Dancing on the Ice</i>
12	Lithuania	Lion Ceccah	<i>Sólo quiero más</i>
13	San Marino	Senhit	<i>Superstar</i>
14	Poland	Alicja	<i>Pray</i>
15	Serbia	Lavina	<i>Kraj mene</i>

Second Semifinal Running Order

#	Country	Artist	Song
1	Bulgaria	Dara	<i>Bangaranga</i>
2	Azerbaijan	Jiva	<i>Just Go</i>
3	Romania	Alexandra Căpitănescu	<i>Choke Me</i>
4	Luxembourg	Eva Marija	<i>Mother Nature</i>
5	Czechia	Daniel Zizka	<i>Crossroads</i>
-	France	Monroe	<i>Regarde!</i>
6	Armenia	Simón	<i>Paloma rumba</i>
7	Switzerland	Veronica Fusaro	<i>Alice</i>
8	Cyprus	Antigoni	<i>Jalla</i>
-	Austria	Cosmó	<i>Tanzschein</i>
9	Latvia	Atvara	<i>Ēnā</i>
10	Denmark	Søren Torpegaard Lund	<i>Før vi går hjem</i>
11	Australia	Delta Goodrem	<i>Eclipse</i>
12	Ukraine	Lelėka	<i>Ridnym</i>
-	United Kingdom	Look Mum No Computer	<i>Eins, zwei, drei</i>
13	Albania	Alis	<i>Nân</i>
14	Malta	Aidan	<i>Bella</i>
15	Norway	Jonas Lovv	<i>Ya Ya Ya</i>

Automatic Qualifiers

#	Country	Artist	Song
25	Austria	Cosmó	<i>Tanzschein</i>
tbd	France	Monroe	<i>Regarde!</i>
tbd	Germany	Sarah Engels	<i>Fire</i>
tbd	Italy	Sal Da Vinci	<i>Per Sempre Si</i>
tbd	United Kingdom	Look Mum No Computer	<i>Eins, zwei, drei</i>